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Hon. Pat Miller, Director Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

Re:

Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's Triennial Review Order (Nine-month Proceeding) (Loop & Transport) Docket No. 03-00527

Dear Director Miller:

This is to notify you that the parties have not been able to agree to all of the terms of the draft agreed final schedule. The parties will continue to work to try and resolve their differences.

As you know, the Comments of BellSouth Regarding Suspension of Proceeding were filed today. Also, Director Jones has ordered the parties to file, by tomorrow, any comments addressing the impact of the DC Circuit Court of Appeals' Order entered on March 2, 2004 on the Switching docket.

In light of these important developments, BellSouth proposes that the parties be given additional time to negotiate the terms of the agreed final schedule.

Respectfully submitted.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 10, 2004, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via the method indicated:

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